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1. SUMMARY -- AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO WHO WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING OF SEVEN LDCS IN PARIS THIS WEEK, PROVIDES NAMES OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION. CABRAL DE MELLO DOES NOT EXPECT GOB TO DEVELOP FIRM VIEWS AND POSITIONS BEFORE PREPARATORY MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MARCH 26 DISCUSSION (BRASILIA 2323) IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO ON APRIL 1, ECON COUNSELOR RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER GOB WAS CONTEMPLATING POSSIBILITY OF MORE FORMAL SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH USG BEFORE PARIS PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. COUNSELOR RECALLED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY HAD BEEN FORESHADOWED BY FOREIGN MINISTER WHO ORIGINALLY HAD RAISED SUBJECT OF PETROLEUM WITH AMBASSADOR; ALSO, SUCH EXCHANGE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH CONCEPT OF CLOSER BILATERAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON MAJOR ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

3. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID FONOFF RECOGNIZED THIS POINT BUT THAT THERE WERE TWO DIFFICULTIES:

(A) GOB HAD PROBLEMS DEFINING THE ISSUES AND DEVELOPING CLEAR-CUT POSITIONS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE: FURTHER MORE,

(B) BRAZIL'S POSITION IN CONFERENCE WOULD BE RATHER PARTICULAR ONE. AS "LDC CONSUMER COUNTRY," BRAZIL FOUND ITSELF PLACED BETWEEN "TWO ALLIANCES". EVEN AS AN LDC CONSUMER, HOWEVER, ITS POSITION WAS SPECIAL. EXCEPT FOR FRANCE, BRAZIL WAS LARGEST OIL CONSUMING COUNTRY NOT PART OF THE IEA. EVEN INDIA'S CONSUMPTION WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS; WHILE ZAIRE COULD NOT REALLY BE CONSIDERED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS BRAZIL.

4. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID THAT BRAZIL'S GENERAL APPROACH WOULD BE BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT A CLASH OF THE TWO "ALLIANCES" SHOULD BE AVOIDED. BRAZIL WOULD SEEK TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, WORKING TOWARDS COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS. HE IMPLIED THAT AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS,

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BRAZIL WOULD BE SPEAKING ESSENTIALLY FOR ITSELF, RATHER THAN SEEKING TO REPRESENT OTHERS' VIEWS AND INTERESTS.

5. CABRAL DE MELLO DISCLOSED HE WOULD BE ATTENDING MEETING IN PARIS THIS WEEK OF THE SEVEN LDCS PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING. HE IMPLIED THAT GOB HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY VENEZUELA WHOSE PEREZ GUERRERO HAD A MAJOR ROLE IN ORGANIZING THE MEETING.

GOB DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ALL SEVEN COUNTRIES WOULD ATTEND.

6. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID HE WOULD LEAD BRAZIL'S DELEGATION TO THE PARIS MEETING. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD BE:
DR. EDSON GUEIROS, PETROBRAS;
CARLOS EDUARDO MAURO, MINFIN AND MEMBER OF FINMIN'S INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL;
MINISTER-COUNSELOR OCTAVIAO RAINHO, EMBASSY IN PARIS;
AND SEBASTIAN DO REGO BARROS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FONOFF BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION.
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